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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIS FAO MO

SUBJ: FAO FISHERIES PROJECT IN MOROCCO

1. RFA MET WITH FAO FISHERIES PROJECT LEADER WILBERT DOUCET IN CASABLANCA TO DISCUSS FAO'S 1976 PLANS. DOUCET INFORMED RFA THAT PROGRAM CURRENTLY UNDERGOING MAJOR CUTBACKS DUE TO SEVERE FUNDING PROBLEMS. DOUCET INDICATED BOTH FAO RESEARCH VESSELS MAY BE TIED UP SHORTLY DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DUE TO START JANUARY 1976 WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE OR LATER. DOUCET UNCERTAIN AS TO OTHER PROGRAMS, BUT BELIEVES ADDITIONAL CUTBACKS NECESSARY. HE WILL FLY TO ROME 1/7/76 TO DISCUSS FURTHER CUTBACKS.

- 2. DOUCET EXPECTED ASSIGNMENT TO CHILE IN OCT OR NOV 75, BUT NOW UNCERTAIN AS TO FUTURE PLANS. HE INDICATED HE WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN IN CASABLANCA INDEFINITELY.
- 3. DOUCET ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT FISHERIES WILL BEAR HEAVY BRUNT OF FINANCIAL CUTBACKS IN FUTURE AND THAT FUNDS MEANT FOR FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE GIVEN TO OTHER PROJECTS.
- 4. DEPT MAY WISH TO QUERY OTHER POSTS TO GAUGE EXTENT OF CUT-BACKS IN AFRICA AND OTHER REGIONS. RFA CASABLANCA WOULD APPRECIATE INFO COPY ON ANY REPORTING BY AMEMBASSY ROME ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTENT OF CUTBACKS AFFECTING AFRICAN FISHERIES.

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